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CURBS IN SMOKING
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of tobacco-addicts has been rising in the country and many persons continue to smoke in public places;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any concrete steps to check it in view of its ill-effects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Being aware of the serious ill-effects of tobacco use, the Government enacted to comprehensive tobacco control legislation titled `The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003` in 2003 for discouraging the use of cigarettes and other tobacco products. Some important provisions of the Act, which are applicable to whole of the country are :-

(i)Prohibition of smoking in a public place.

(ii) Prohibition of direct and indirect advertisement of all tobacco products.

(iii) Prohibition of sale of all tobacco products to a person below the age of eighteen years.

(iv) Prohibition of sale of all tobacco products with a radius of 100 yards of educational institutions.

(v) Mandatory depiction of statutory warnings (including pictorial warnings) on tobacco packs

(vi) Mandatory depiction of tar and nicotine contents alongwith maximum permissible limits on tobacco packs.

The provisions of the Act mentioned at item (i),(ii) &(iii) above have been brought into force w.e.f. 1st May 2004.